

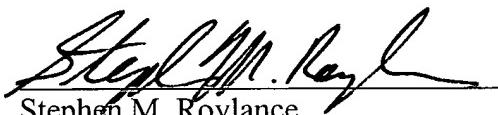
REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application. Claims 8, 15, 21, 54, 58, 84, 88, 108, and 110 have been amended to change the dependency of the claims. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification, specifically in the original claims. No new matter has been added.

The amendments to the claims made in this amendment have not been made to overcome prior art, and thus, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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**MARKED CLAIMS 8, 15, 21, 54, 58, 84, 88, 108 AND 110**

8. (Amended) The composition of claim [7] 2 wherein the film-forming polymer is selected from at least one polymer derived from at least one monomer selected from at least one of styrene, dimethylstyrene, vinyltoluene, chloroprene, butadiene, ethylene, acrylamide, acrylonitrile, acrolein, methylacrylate, ethylacrylate, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, methyl methacrylate, n-butyl acrylate, vinylidene chloride, vinyl ester, vinyl chloride, vinyl acetate, acrylated urethane, hydroxyethyl acrylate, dimethylaminoethyleneacrylate, and vinyl acetate.

15. (Amended) The composition of claim [7] 2 wherein component (C) is selected from one of sizing materials, ketene dimers, alkenyl succinic anhydrides, fatty acids, and wax emulsions.

21. (Amended) The composition of claim [20] 19 wherein the dry weight ratio of (A) and (B) to (C) is about 60:40 to about 30:70.

54. (Amended) The method of claim [53] 48 wherein the film-forming polymer is selected from at least one polymer derived from at least one monomer selected from at least one of styrene, dimethylstyrene, vinyltoluene, chloroprene, butadiene, ethylene, acrylamide, acrylonitrile, acrolein, methylacrylate, ethylacrylate, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, methyl methacrylate, n-butyl acrylate, vinylidene chloride, vinyl ester, vinyl chloride, vinyl acetate, acrylated urethane, hydroxyethyl acrylate, dimethylaminoethyleneacrylate, and vinyl acetate.

58. (Amended) The method of claim [53] 48 wherein component (C) is selected from one of sizing materials, ketene dimers, alkenyl succinic anhydrides, fatty acids, and wax emulsions.

84. (Amended) The method of claim [83] 78 wherein the film-forming polymer is selected from at least one polymer derived from at least one monomer selected from at least one of styrene, dimethylstyrene, vinyltoluene, chloroprene, butadiene, ethylene, acrylamide, acrylonitrile, acrolein, methylacrylate, ethylacrylate, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, methyl methacrylate, n-butyl acrylate, vinylidene chloride, vinyl ester, vinyl chloride, vinyl acetate, acrylated urethane, hydroxyethyl acrylate, dimethylaminoethyleneacrylate, and vinyl acetate.

88. The method of claim [83] 78 wherein component (C) is selected from one of sizing materials, alkenyl succinic anhydrides, fatty acids, and wax emulsions.

108. (Amended) The method of claim [107] 103 wherein the film-forming polymer is selected from at least one polymer derived from at least one monomer selected from at least one of styrene, dimethylstyrene, vinyltoluene, chloroprene, butadiene, ethylene, acrylamide, acrylonitrile, acrolein, methylacrylate, ethylacrylate, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, methyl methacrylate, n-butyl acrylate, vinylidene chloride, vinyl ester, vinyl chloride, vinyl acetate, acrylated urethane, hydroxyethyl acrylate, dimethylaminoethyleneacrylate, and vinyl acetate.

110. (Amended) The method of claim [107] 103 wherein component (C) is a polymer selected from one of sizing materials, alkenyl succinic anhydrides, fatty acids, and wax emulsions.